

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 18, 2007. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 to 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21 to 25, 29, 30 and 41 to 52 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 5, 15, 19, 29 and 30 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 1 to 5, 7 to 11, 15 to 19, 21 to 25 and 29. In addition, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives during a series of interviews concluding on February 22, 2007 regarding the outstanding rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Applicant submits that the substance of those interviews are incorporated in this amendment.

Claims 1, 5, 15, 19 and 29 have been amended along the lines suggested by the Examiner during the interviews. Specifically, Claims 1, 15 and 29 have been amended to clarify that the output image is displayed on a display screen of a display device. Claims 5, 19 and new Claim 30 include the feature that the output image is rendered as print information to a printing apparatus that prints the output image using the print information. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims are now directed to a useful, concrete and tangible result, namely displaying or printing a rendered output image. Therefore, Applicant believes the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.